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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, I & S

Subject: GSO Security Functions

1. Following a study of the functions of the GSO Security Officer, and confirming conversations between members of my Staff and Messrs. [redacted] of I & S, it is proposed that the position of GSO Security Officer be administratively abolished and that all physical and personnel security functions heretofore carried out by that Officer be assumed by I & S.

2. It should be agreed that GSO is fully responsible for the physical security of its installations in the foreign field as well as for the operational security of its agents, including their loyalty, integrity and reliability on a continuing basis. It is agreed that personnel security of all staff employees, domestic or foreign, rests with I & S, recognizing that in all such cases GSO has a concurrent paramount interest and responsibility stemming from both protective and counterespionage factors. GSO will inform I & S of security breaches by staff employees, indicating any remedial action that has been taken.

3. It is requested that the undersigned or the Executive Officer be consulted or informed regarding staff personnel and physical security problems and that all matters falling within the purview of administrative instruction [redacted] as well as all requests for name checks with GSO, be referred to Staff D for action.

4. Contingent upon your approval it is proposed to implement the above at the earliest practical date.

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Assistant Director  
Special Operations